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SUBJECT: (S) TURKEY WILL WATCH OUT FOR UAV SHIPMENT FROM IRAN TO VENEZUELA, REQUEST MORE INFORMATION

REF: A. SECSTATE 28302

1B. ANKARA 126

Classified By: Pol-Mil Counselor Anthony Godfrey, Reasons 1.4 (b,d)

THIS IS AN ACTION REQUEST. PLEASE SEE PARA. 2.

11. (S) We delivered on March 25 the information on plans for Iran to ship UAVs to Venezuela (ref a) to MFA Deputy DG for Nonproliferation and Disarmament Ahmet Gun. Gun expressed appreciation for the information and promised to share it with select officials in other agencies at a previously-scheduled GOT interagency export control taskforce meeting taking place later that same day. He said the GOT had already warned Iran about the previous shipment bound for Venezuela (ref b) "at the highest levels" and specifically cautioned Iran against shipping proscribed materiel through Turkey. Gun agreed to take the necessary action to prevent this shipment but noted that specific information about the timing and possible companies involved in the shipment would help the GOT ensure that this shipment is thwarted.

12. (S) Action Request: Request Washington pass additional details, to the extent they become available and are shareable, about the specific timing of and likely companies involved in this shipment. If possible, pictures and information regarding the dimensions and weight of the UAVs and associated equipment may also help Turkish customs officials intercept the shipment. End Action Request.

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